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Memo to: Members of MCSA Forum
From: MCSA Executive Committee
Subject: MCSA Forum Meeting 2.27.23

Join in Cow Palace at 6PM or on Zoom ([Zoom](#) passcode: Pounce22, please mute when not speaking or voting. All students are welcome and can join in discussion, but only voting members can make motions and vote. List of voting members can be found [here](#).

I. Vote to Approve Agenda and Previous Meeting Minutes

- A. Motion to approve minutes by Kendra
- B. Motion seconded by Daleney
- C. Motion approved
- D. Minutes ([link](#))
- E. Motion by Jay to approve agenda
- F. Seconded by Daleney
- G. Motion passed

II. President's Remarks

Talked to senator about their goals for umn morris students and about accessibility and diversity. In support of the MRC upgrades added onto spending bill. Regent Tad Johnson has a lot of support in legislature and will probably be reelected to a full term. Will vote for most likely option to get elected. Hope for people who stand for students and someone we support and who supports us. Talked about mental health letter and the mental health of people on campus. Interview people and then choose candidates who are picked by the council of higher education and then pick one for each seat. Bill on introducing that will strengthen the regent council advisory selection process. Will put student presidents onto the board.

A. A Celebration of Diversity

Celebrate diversity, and give reasons for why the board of regents should support the student's efforts. 5:30-6:30 the board will have a meeting with students and faculty to talk about the campus. At 6:00 we will start a celebration of diversity which will

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have treats, drinks, and speeches. Working out screen printing t-shirts at the event, or before the event. Fundraise for a cosponsorship fund for student organizations that celebrate cultural, racial, and sexual diversity.

B. Thursday, March 9th 6:00 PM – Turtle Mountain Cafe

III. For Action: Resolution Declaring Solidarity With UMN Graduate Labor Union ([link](#))

- A. Description: A Resolution stating MCSA's support for the UMN Graduate Labor Union. They are still working on getting a contract put together.
- B. Supporting their right to unionize.
- C. Motion to pass resolution by Henry
- D. Motion seconded by Cameron
- E. Motion Passed

IV. Prairie Gala Update presented by Secretary Holboy

- A. Date Change 4/6
- B. Instead of this Friday it is instead Thursday April 6th. Able to make sure to fundraise as much as possible for the food drive, and funding the MCSA emergency fund. Working out logistics.

V. For Action: Letter to Sodexo on Substitutes to Pork Products ([link](#))

- A. Description: This letter addresses the fact that the Dining Hall has not been sufficiently preventing cross contamination, providing signage, or serving alternatives to pork products which is an issue that specifically impacts Muslim students.
- B. Motion to pass by Gabby
- C. Motion seconded by Daleney
- D. Motion Passed

VI. Election Commission Update presented by Commissioner DeRosa

2 days until election application closes. Only 6 people have applied for positions. Fill out SimplyVoting form. Not enough people are running for the positions available. Most people tend to vote last minute.

VII. Committee Reports

- A. Campus Assembly Committees

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- B. Policy Review Subcommittee of Planning: Reviewed policies that were vague and working on improving them.
- C. Finance: Talked about how to get rid of budget shortfallings and how to continue not going into the negative. Increasing the tuition to help with this issue. Meeting with board of regents.
- D. MCSA Committees
- E. Academic Affairs: Rough draft letter is being taken to be revised before being sent out.
- F. Student Organization Reports
- G. Planning for pow-wow and looking into the change the name.

VIII. Announcements

- A. [Sign-Up to be a WGL](#)
- B. Get paid to assist freshmen for a week. Help make positive relations with the freshmen. Fun and leadership activity.
- C. Advocacy Opportunity on Wednesday
- D. Asked for letters in support of a bill about renter's rights.
- E. DCI survey is closing soon. Fill it out.
- F. Safety Subcommittee looking for member

IX. Adjournment & Committee Time